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Utah Department of Health Awards Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Grant

(Salt Lake City, UT) – The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has awarded the Utah Hemophilia Foundation \$250,000 in grant funding in order to assist persons with bleeding disorders with the cost of obtaining hemophilia services or the cost of insurance premiums for coverage of hemophilia services.

The main purpose of the Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program is to improve the health care of medically underserved Utahns who have a bleeding disorder. The Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program uses a competitive bid process to public or non-profit entities that assist persons with bleeding disorders with the cost of obtaining hemophilia services or the cost of health insurance premiums for coverage of hemophilia services.

Utah State Representative David Litvack sponsored House Bill 33, Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders, during the 2005 Legislative session. House Bill 33 was passed through the Legislature with annual ongoing appropriation of \$250,000.

“I applaud the efforts of the Utah State Legislature in providing us with the funding needed to assist persons with bleeding disorders,” said David N. Sundwall, M.D., Executive Director, UDOH. “This program will help individuals and families in covering costs for these life enabling and sometimes life saving services.”

The Utah Hemophilia Foundation expects to provide funding to up to fifty (50) individuals who meet the criteria established in law (UCA, 26-47) and rule (UAC, R434-50). Individual applications will be reviewed and funded by the Utah Hemophilia Foundation through June 30,

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2005. Those individuals funded must meet the minimum criteria of being diagnosed with a bleeding disorder by a health care professional, and being medically uninsured or underinsured.

For more information on how to apply for Assistance for People with Bleeding Disorders Program funding, please view the Utah Hemophilia Foundation web site at:

<http://www.hemophiliautah.org/> or contact them at: (801) 484-0325 or toll free: (877) 463-6893 or by email at: info@hemophiliautah.org.

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